

MEDICAL ANTI-MONOP

The Petition of the undersigned Freeholders and

To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada,

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,—

That several different and even conflicting systems of Medical Practice, each having many thousands of warm friends, conscientious advocates, and unflinching adherents, are in public; while, at the same time, the law regulating the study and practice of Medicine is a great injury and oppression of all others, driving many of them from the country, and preventing them from willingly devote their time and attention to its investigation and development; thus rendering it a very difficult of access, to the great grief, and serious detriment of their faithful Medical assistance, it being impossible to induce them to surrender their high trust of *directly opposed* to the true philosophy of health.

Further, that this conflict of opinions and systems cannot be expected to terminate, so *imperfect* and slowly progressive state; during the whole of which period, it will evidence *practice*, however favored by *class legislation*, to meet the wants and reasonable expectations of the people, competition between the contending systems, holding all their practitioners equally responsible in the same penal liabilities.

Your Petitioners earnestly pray your Honorable House, to enact a law similar to the following:

AN ACT to restore to the people of Upper Canada the right of private judgment in medical matters.

WHEREAS the laws now in force in Upper Canada for regulating the practice of Medicine seems to be nearly as incongruous to deny the right of private judgment in medical as in civil matters; Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the year of the said Majesty's said Majesty, Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the better government of Canada;

1. That from and after the passing of this Act, the statute passed in the year of his Majesty's said Majesty, any person from recovering by suit or action, any debt or demand arising from the practice in attending the sick, together with all other laws, or parts of laws imposing penalties of hereby repealed.

2. No person shall be liable to a *criminal* prosecution, or to indictment for practising Physic or Surgery.

3. Any person licensed or unlicensed, who shall practice Physic or Surgery, or shall practice having cognizance thereof be convicted of grossly ignorant treatment, or of the practice, or guilty of a misdemeanour, and liable to a fine of not less than five pounds, nor exceeding a term not less than one month, nor more than twelve months.

Should your Honorable House, however, deem the people of this Province unqualified to practice Medicine, your Petitioners pray, that you will at least remove all legal penalties and disabilities from a certificate of qualification to practice from a regularly organized Board of their own Medical Practitioners.

All of which is

NAMES OF PETITIONERS.

MONOPOLY PETITION.

Presented by the Freeholders and others of Upper Canada.

of Assembly of the Province of Canada, in Parliament assembled,

Medical Practices each having its own peculiar merits, have already succeeded in obtaining unflinching adherents, among the most respectable and intelligent portions of the Canadian and practice of Medicine in this Province, recognizes *only one class* of practitioners to the from the country, and preventing others from entering the practice, who would otherwise, d, development; thus rendering qualified practitioners of the proscribed systems, few in ous detriment of their faithful adherents; many of whom are thus legally deprived of all ender their high trust of life, to the influence of a system of Cure, believed by them to be expected to terminate, so long as the Science of Medicine continues in its present very rich period. It will evidently be absolutely impossible, for any one system of Medical and reasonable expectations of the whole community. To allow, therefore, a full and free practitioners equally responsible for the success of their respective courses of treatment, and

enact a law similar to the following during your present Session:—

of Upper Canada the advantages of Medical Toleration.

ing the practice of Medicine, Surgery and Midwifery, require amendment, and whereas, it judgment in medical as in religious controversies: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's e Legislative Council, and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted ssed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intitled an d for the Government of Canada, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same:— ssed in the year of his late Majesty George the Fourth; chap. 3, so far as it prohibits and arising from the practice of Physic or Surgery, or a compensation for services rendered laws imposing penalties of any kind on unlicensed Medical Practitioners, shall be and are

ndictment for practising Physic and Surgery without license, but sic or Surgery, or shall prescribe medicines or specifics for the sick, and shall in any court tment, or practice, or of immoral conduct in relation to such practice, shall be deemed ve pounds, not exceeding two hundred pounds; or imprisonment in the County Jail for

f this Province unqualified to exercise the right of private judgment in medical matters, penalties and disabilities, from all Botanic and other Practitioners holding a diploma or d Board of their own Medical sect.

All of which is most respectfully submitted by your Memorialists.

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